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Protocol #: **12415**

Title: **DWS – High Schools**

The Utah State University Institutional Review Board has reviewed your protocol, [*Protocol Title*]. The protocol has been determined to be a [minimal risk/minor increase over minimal risk/greater than minimal risk study] and is appropriate for approval under [Expedite Category X/Exempt Category X].

Pursuant with the Utah State University Institutional Review Board's Standard Operating Procedures, final approval will not be granted until this research has been reviewed by the appropriate school district/charter school administration. Once the school district has reviewed the information relevant to this study, including the procedures, level of risk, consent process, and benefits, the PI should obtain a letter of approval on district letterhead and submit that letter to the IRB at "Other Approvals or Documentation" section of your Kuali protocol. Protocol approval will be finalized upon receipt of the first school district or charter school approval notification.

**This preliminary approval letter is intended to be used only to secure approval from the relevant school district or charter school for this research.** Please do not begin any recruitment, consent, or data collection efforts with any participants until you receive final approval from the Utah State University Institutional Review Board.

If school district or charter school officials wish to contact someone outside of the research team about this study, they can reach the Utah State University Institutional Review Board at the contact information listed below. Any changes to the study that are requested from the school district or charter school should be made to the protocol prior to the submission of district or charter school approval.

We look forward to continuing to work toward final approval of this protocol, and thank you for your commitment to ensuring positive and informed research relationships between Utah State University and our school district partners.